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North Korean Army Unit on Mahap-to

1. On 8 December 1953 a North Korean army unit with about 30 infantry and about 40 engineer and artillery troops was on Mahap-to (N 37-55, E 124-58) (XB-7398). Officer personnel consisted of one senior captain, one junior captain, two 1st lieutenants, and three 2nd lieutenants, engineer and artillery, and two 2nd lieutenants, infantry. The mission of the unit was to guard the island and the nearby coastal area. There were seven sentry boxes on the island, with one guard posted at each box day and night.
2. Since 7 August the infantry troops had been at XB-725983 where they constructed a cave about four meters in diameter. The engineer and artillery troops, stationed at XB-723987 since 25 August, had built three round caves, each about four meters in diameter, at XB-725978 on Hill 112, XB-724978, and XB-723981. The engineer and artillery troops had also constructed four gun positions, one each at XB-720979, XB-720981, XB-719980, and XB-720982. At each of the positions was one 76-mm direct firing gun. Three of them were pointed toward the west, and one toward the southwest. In addition to the four direct firing guns, the unit was equipped with nine pistols and 61 rifles and PPSH's. The unit also had three telephones.

North Korean Army Supply Motor Boat

3. On 8 December 1953 a 30 horsepower, wooden motor boat belonging to the North Korean army stopped at Mahap-to. The boat was 35 feet long and had a speed of about nine knots. It towed a sail boat about 50 feet long which was loaded with supplies. The seven-man crew was armed. These boats made a run twice monthly during daylight hours to the following places: Wollae-do (XC-595130), Yuk-to (XC-693151), Kumip'o (XC-764152), Mahap-to, Kirin-do (XB-790883), Ch'angnin-do (XB-898854), and Haeju. During the period from 5 August to 8 December the boats stopped at Mahap-to on 5 August, 25 August, early and late September, early and late October, early and late November, and on 8 December.

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